



## COUNTY OF PLACER FISH & GAME COMMISSION

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### FISH & GAME COMMISSION MEMBERS

<b>DISTRICT 1</b> Don Gould	<b>DISTRICT 2</b> Mark Fowler
<b>DISTRICT 3</b> Gregg McKenzie	<b>DISTRICT 4</b> Gary Flanagan
<b>DISTRICT 5</b> Kari Freidig	<b>DISTRICT 5</b> Marc Wyatt
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## PLACER COUNTY FISH & GAME COMMISSION MINUTES

**TIME/DATE:** 7:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY, October 22, 2014  
**LOCATION:** PLACER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING ROOM  
Community Development Resource Agency, DeWitt Center, Auburn  
3091 County Center Drive (corner of Bell Road and Richardson Drive)

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- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Gregg McKenzie, Chair
- II. **ROLL CALL**  
**Present:** Daniels, Freidig, Flanagan, McKenzie, Gould, Fowler  
**Absent:** Wyatt
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA for October 22, 2014 and APPROVAL OF MINUTES for September 24, 2014**  
**Agenda:** Fowler/Gould/MPUV  
**Minutes:** Postponed until next meeting
- IV. **PUBLIC COMMENT**  
Individuals may address the Commission on items under the jurisdiction of the Fish & Game Commission not included on this agenda for no longer than five (5) minutes. ***No action can be taken on items addressed under Public Comment***  
  
None.

## **V. FINANCIAL REPORT – Ed King**

Expenditures through September 30 for FY 14/15 total \$721.76 including \$360.00 in commissioner's fees and \$361.76 in mileage reimbursement. Budgeted expenditures for the remainder of the fiscal year total \$10,264.24.

Revenues through September 30 total \$111.27, including \$41.92 in fines, \$25.16 in penalty assessments and \$44.19 in interest. \$5,200.00 is budgeted for fine, penalty assessment and interest revenue for the fiscal year.

## **VI. AGENCY REPORTS**

### **A. Commission Updates**

Commissioner Fowler is scheduled to meet with District Attorney Owens and Lt. Lawson on November 12 to discuss prosecution of Fish and Game Code violations.

### **B. State Wildlife Conservation Board Subcommittee – Gregg McKenzie**

Next meeting is November 20<sup>th</sup> when they will discuss the Little Truckee River Fish Habitat restoration, a Nevada County project. It's a \$190,000 project in cooperation with the National Forest Foundation, the USFS, and Trout Unlimited. There is nothing on their November agenda for Placer County.

### **C. State Fish & Game Commission Subcommittee – Mark Fowler**

CDFW have set up a checkpoint in southern California for Chronic Wasting Disease, and quagga and zebra mussels, and will set up additional checkpoints including at the I-80 Ag Station.

Public workshop on phasing out lead ammunition for hunting on Saturday, October 25, at Susanville Elementary School. Public input is from 1:30 to 3:00.

Changes proposed for inland sport fishing for 2015 because of drought, in Sonoma and Marin counties.

CDFW is looking statewide for artists for the Upland Game Bird Art Stamp Contest.

The advanced hunter education program is offering a wilderness first aid clinic at the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area on November 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The cost is \$45 for adults, and youth, 16 and under are free with a parent.

USFWS is going to reopen public comment for the western yellow-billed cuckoo critical habitat proposal, and are adding 60 more days, starting October 13<sup>th</sup>. On October 3<sup>rd</sup> the species was listed as threatened.

**D. California Department of Fish & Wildlife - Lt. John Lawson**  
None

**E. Nevada Irrigation District - Sue Sindt**

Through the combined efforts of customers, the district, PCWA, and PG&E, they ended the irrigation season at 91% of average storage. NID is still under the water right curtailment order, and withdrawal of the order will be considered on a storm-by-storm basis, but there have been no big storms yet this season. The curtailment was issued in May and states that anyone with water rights obtained on or after 1914 cannot divert or collect water for storage.

### **NON-ACTION ITEMS**

**VII. Placer County Conservation Plan Update – Loren Clark, Assistant Director, Placer County Community Development Resource Agency**

The Placer County Conservation Plan (PCCP) is a County-proposed solution to accommodate future growth and development by coordinating and streamlining regulatory processes related to wetlands, water quality and sensitive species by allowing local entities to issue state and federal permits. Although a balance between economic growth and natural resource conservation is regulated at both the state and federal levels, there is often redundancy, lack of communication, and conflict among the agencies and local government. The overseeing agencies, including California Department of Fish & Wildlife and the US Fish & Wildlife Service, allow the creation of county-level oversight as long as it conforms to certain criteria.

The PCCP covers approximately 201,000 acres of western Placer County within unincorporated Placer County and the City of Lincoln. Western Placer County has seen tremendous population growth in the past, and is expected to continue growth at a similar pace, with most growth expected to occur within PCCP jurisdiction. Forecast total county population in 2060 is 750,000. The PCCP intends to save time and taxpayer money by making it easier to comply with regulations while conserving the best remaining undeveloped habitats and simultaneously accommodating growth.

PCCP partners include Placer County, Placer County Water Agency, the City of Lincoln, and the South Placer Regional Transit Authority; all of whom have contributed to the initial PCCP. PCCP boundary extends westward from Hwy 49 including unincorporated lands and Lincoln. Loomis, Auburn Roseville and Rocklin are non-participants and will not receive coverage under the plan.

The PCCP goal is to ensure the capability of permit issuance and Federal and State Endangered Species Acts coverage (17 species currently) for at least 50

years. The PCCP will also work closely with landowners and provide options for conserving natural habitat that will respect property rights.

The primary clash between projected growth and wetlands and endangered species centers around vernal pool grassland habitats in western Placer. Also, the Bear and American rivers are truncated by dams, which limit salmon and steelhead movement to creek systems subject to development pressures. Accordingly, the PCCP emphasizes floodplain conservation through setbacks and buffers and substantial opportunities exist for additional riparian restoration projects. 10,000 – 15,000 acres of oak woodlands will be preserved in conservation areas

Approximately 48,000 acres will go into conservation reserves and will be managed as such for perpetuity with ongoing annually management and maintenance costs of around \$8.5M. The Placer County Conservation Authority will be created as JPA with Lincoln and serve as the land steward and liaison to the wildlife agencies who will oversee the PCCP permit.

EIR/EIS process is underway and will be open to public comment in spring 2015 with a final implementation goal in 2016.

Flanagan – how will the PCCP address future annexations?

Loomis, Rocklin and Auburn have limited growth expansion opportunities and will likely focus on infill development. Roseville may expand to the north or west and may choose to participate in the PCCP. The County is currently discussing options with Roseville.

Gould – Roseville sets aside open space, to what benefit?

Cities preserve open space for parks, recreation, floodplains, sensitive species protection and wetland restoration.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

- VIII. 2014 Placer County Fish and Game Commission Grant Awards** – Consider annual grant proposals submitted to the Commission and award funding consistent with California Fish and Game Code Section 13103 and the Commission's Operating Procedures. Total awards are not to exceed \$1,000 per recipient.

This year's grant requests totaled \$8,350 from 9 applicants; available funding is \$5,000. The table below summarizes project funding requests.

<b>2014 Fish &amp; Game Commission Grant Funding Request Summary</b>		
<b>ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>FUNDING REQUEST</b>
California Waterfowl Association	Mallard Duck Egg Salvage	\$ 1,000.00
Fruitvale School	Wood Duck Education	\$ 500.00
Placer Sportsmen, Inc	Kid's Fish Derby	\$ 1,000.00
E.V. Cain S.T.E.M. Charter Middle School	Conservation Club Native Plant Garden	\$ 1,000.00
Gold Country Wildlife Rescue	Wildlife Rescue Food Expenses	\$ 1,000.00
Protect American River Canyons	Sundial Mosaic Animal Mural	\$ 1,000.00
Placer Nature Center	Nature Bowl	\$ 1,000.00
Sierra Watershed Education Partnerships	Trout in the Classroom	\$ 850.00
Save Auburn Ravine Salmon and Steelhead	Water Testing Kit Supplies	\$ 1,000.00

Because several Commission members belong to the groups asking for grants, it was decided that members should abstain from voting when applicable.

Because California Waterfowl Association has no hatching facilities in Placer County, Daniels motioned that their request be removed from further consideration. Fowler second/MPUV.

The remaining grant applicants and their acceptance are as follows:

Fruitvale School – Gould/Daniels/MPUV; Fowler abstained

Flanagan – The Commission has been successful in the last two years in having Ken Kudargi and DFW supply the Placer Sportsmen’s annual fish derby with additional fish. Because total available funding is limited and DFW is supporting the derby, does Placer Sportsmen actually need project support?

Gould – DFW has provided extra trout for the derby and Placer Sportsmen is appreciative of any additional funding support.

Placer Sportsmen – Daniels/Fowler/MPUV; Gould abstained

E.V. Cain STEM Charter Middle School – Gould/Fowler/MPUV

Gold Country Wildlife Rescue – Fowler/McKenzie/MPUV; Freidig abstained

PARC – Freidig/McKenzie/MPUV

Placer Nature Center – Flanagan/Fowler/MPUV

Sierra Watershed Education Partnerships – Fowler/Freidig/MPUV

Save Auburn Ravine Salmon & Steelhead – McKenzie/Flanagan/MPUV

Daniels motion/Gould second/MPUV that the \$5,000 available be divided equally among the eight approved project applicants, each receiving \$625.

Fowler – noted that funding requests, with the exception of Fruitvale School, were awarded at reduced amounts due to the number and amount of accepted requests along with a strict funding budget of \$5,000.

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<b>ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>FUNDED AMOUNTS</b>
California Waterfowl Association	Mallard Duck Egg Salvage	\$ 0
Fruitvale School	Wood Duck Education	\$ 625.00
Placer Sportsmen, Inc	Kid's Fish Derby	\$ 625.00
E.V. Cain S.T.E.M. Charter Middle School	Conservation Club Native Plant Garden	\$ 625.00
Gold Country Wildlife Rescue	Wildlife Rescue Food Expenses	\$ 625.00
Protect American River Canyons	Sundial Mosaic Animal Mural	\$ 625.00
Placer Nature Center	Nature Bowl	\$ 625.00
Sierra Watershed Education Partnerships	Trout in the Classroom	\$ 625.00
Save Auburn Ravine Salmon and Steelhead	Water Testing Kit Supplies	\$ 625.00

**IX. Next Meeting Date**  
November 19, 2014 at 6:00 PM.

**X. Adjournment**  
8:18 PM